

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C5-84-2139

**ORDER AMENDING THE MINNESOTA
RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners petitioned the Court to amend the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar to clarify what the Board requires of attorneys licensed in other states who seek admission to the Bar of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this Court ordered public comments concerning these proposed amendments to be filed by February 25, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Court is fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective this date, Rules 2, 4 and 7 of the Minnesota Rules for Admission to the Bar are amended as follows:

Rule 2 Definitions

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I. "Jurisdiction" means the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

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Rule 4. General requirements for admission

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C. Application for Admission
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(4) *Professional Responsibility Test Scores.* An applicant may file an application without having taken the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination; however, ~~within 12 months after filing the application,~~ the applicant shall submit a score report showing a scaled score of 85 or higher on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination prior to being admitted.

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Rule 7: Admission without examination

A. Eligibility by Practice. An applicant may be eligible for admission without examination if the applicant otherwise qualifies for admission under Rule 4, ~~has been licensed to practice in the highest court of another jurisdiction and as principal occupation has been actively and lawfully engaged in the practice of law in that jurisdiction or pursuant to that license for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the application. Practice of law may include:~~

- ~~(1) Legal service as a sole practitioner or as a member of a law firm, professional corporation or association;~~
- ~~(2) Judicial service in a court of record or other legal service with any local or state government or with the federal government including services as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department of one of the military branches of the United States;~~
- ~~(3) Legal service as inside counsel for a corporation, agency, association or trust department;~~
- ~~(4) Teaching full-time in any approved law school.~~

and provides documentary evidence showing that for at least five of the seven years immediately preceding the application, the applicant has been licensed to practice law, has been in good standing in the highest court of another jurisdiction, and as principal occupation, has been actively and lawfully engaged in the practice of law as:

- (1) a sole practitioner;
- (2) a member of a law firm, professional corporation or association;
- (3) a judge in a court of record;
- (4) an attorney for any local or state governmental entity;
- (5) inside counsel for a corporation, agency, association or trust department;
- (6) an attorney with the federal government or a federal governmental agency including service as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department of one of the military branches of the United States; and/or

(7) a professor teaching full-time in any approved law school.

The practice of law must have been in the jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed and during the period of licensure unless the practice falls under (6) or (7) above, or Rule 8F of these Rules.

Dated: March 17, 2000

BY THE COURT:


Kathleen A. Blatz
Chief Justice

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